

Surplus Operations

Recycling, reuse, and sales of surplus assets benefit all public organizations

[Surplus Operations](#) handles used goods ranging from corkscrews to museum exhibits to used radar guns and vehicles. Proceeds from sales pay for the surplus program and also result in financial returns to state and local government agencies. The sale, reuse and recycling of goods also keeps hundreds of thousands of pounds of materials from being dumped in landfills.

Variety of items available

Other available items include laptops, file cabinets, sewing machines, bun warmers, cars, trucks and, occasionally, a used ferry. Also included are items the Federal Transportation Security Administration does not allow on airplanes departing from various airports in the state of Washington, such as Swiss Army knives, corkscrews, and various hand tools.



Sales to the public

School renovations, consolidations and other changes in state government mean merchandise is available to the public. Individuals can buy used vehicles and other items via our [online auctions](#), and our public store is open five days a week.

Interested buyers can check out featured items through our [Facebook](#) page and get updates via [Twitter](#).

Sales generate funds for agencies

Overall sales of goods returned more than \$12 million to state and local government agencies over the last three fiscal years.



The public store is open from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The warehouse is located at 7511 New Market Street in Tumwater Washington.

Partnership recycles computers for schools

Surplus Operations also works with the Department of Corrections and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to refurbish computers and redistribute them for use by school districts across the state. In 2013, 5,950 computers were sold Washington Schools for \$27 each. Forty-six pallets of computers and computer-related equipment, such as monitors and printers, were delivered to Western Washington schools and 36 pallets were delivered to Eastern Washington schools.

Compact loads reduce emissions, save money

Surplus Operations recycles or re-uses more than 99 percent of what it receives. The program uses a 'pre-crushing machine' to compress wood, metal and other miscellaneous materials into compact packages to be delivered from Tumwater to a recycling facility at the Port of Tacoma. The compressed materials take up less space in the trucks, reducing the number of deliveries, and carbon emissions.

In calendar-year 2013, the total pounds of materials that were recycled was 1.75 million, with only 2,500 pounds actually going to the landfill.

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